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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A lancing lancet supplying unit comprising a case having a closed bottom and a closable open top, a lancing member housed in the case, an auxiliary part which is a sensor housed in the case and provided separately from the lancing member, and a supporter detachably supporting each of the lancing member and the auxiliary part sensor in the housing,

wherein the case is temporarily attached to a lancing apparatus for supplying the lancing member and the sensor to the lancing apparatus, and

wherein the lancing member and the sensor remain attached to the lancing apparatus even after the case is detached from the lancing apparatus.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying unit according to claim 1, wherein the sensor is held by a sensor holder, and wherein, when lancing of a skin is performed by utilizing the lancing member, the sensor holder auxiliary part engages the lancing member to control lancing depth in the skin.

4. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying according to claim 1, wherein the lancing member includes a needle, and

wherein the lancing unit further comprises a cap for covering the needle, the cap being detachable from the lancing member.

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5. (Currently Amended) The ~~lancing~~ lancet supplying unit according to claim 4, wherein the lancing member includes a body holding the needle, and  
wherein the cap is integrally formed on the body.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~lancing~~ lancet supplying unit according to claim 5, wherein a boundary portion between the cap and the body has a structure which causes a stress to be concentrated on the boundary portion more than on other portions of the cap and the body.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~lancing~~ lancet supplying unit according to claim 6, wherein the boundary portion has a constricted configuration.
8. (Currently Amended) The ~~lancing~~ lancet supplying unit according to claim 4, wherein the lancing member is supported by the supporter via the cap.
9. (Currently Amended) The ~~lancing~~ lancet supplying unit according to claim 8, wherein the cap is formed separately from the supporter and supported by the supporter.
10. (Currently Amended) The ~~lancing~~ lancet supplying unit according to claim 9, wherein the supporter includes a portion for fitting to a part of the cap to hold the cap in a standing posture.
11. (Currently Amended) The ~~lancing~~ lancet supplying unit according to claim 8, wherein the cap is integrally formed on the supporter.
12. (Currently Amended) The ~~lancing~~ lancet supplying unit according to claim 4, wherein the ~~supporter comprises a case~~ includes including a tubular portion for accommodating the cap together with the lancing member and the sensor, at least one end of which is open, and

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~~wherein the case accommodates the lancing member, the cap, and the auxiliary part.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying unit according to claim 12, further ~~comprises~~ comprising a lid for closing the open end of the case.

14. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying unit according to claim 4, wherein a direction in which the sensor ~~auxiliary part~~ is detachable from the supporter corresponds to a direction in which the cap is detachable from the lancing member.

15. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying unit according to claim 4, wherein the sensor ~~auxiliary part~~ is detachably supported by the cap.

16. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying unit according to claim 4, wherein the cap is supported by the supporter while being interposed between the lancing member and the sensor ~~auxiliary part~~ in a first direction in which the needle of the lancing member extends, the cap being movable in a second direction crossing the first direction to avoid overlapping with a holder retaining the sensor ~~the auxiliary part~~ in the first direction.

17. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying unit according to claim 16, wherein the supporter includes an arm portion for supporting the cap, the arm portion being deformable in the second direction.

18. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying unit according to claim 17, wherein the arm portion is provided by forming a cutout in the supporter.

19. (Currently Amended) The lancing lancet supplying unit according to claim 17, wherein the holder retaining the sensor ~~auxiliary part~~ includes a surface facing the cap, the surface being inclined at least partially to be oriented also in the second direction.

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20-28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) A lancet supplying unit comprising a lancing member, an auxiliary part which is separate from the lancing member, and a supporter detachably supporting each of the lancing member and the auxiliary part,

wherein the lancing member includes a needle,

wherein the lancing unit further comprises a cap detachable from the lancing member for covering the needle,

wherein the cap is supported by the supporter while being interposed between the lancing member and the auxiliary part in a first direction in which the needle of the lancing member extends, the cap being movable in a second direction crossing the first direction to avoid overlapping with the auxiliary part in the first direction.